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Whelan For All-Out Cuba Invasion

former U.S. ambassador to Nicaragua Wednesday called for a full-scale invasion of Cuba by the United States and her anti-Cuban friends to "drive communism from our shores."

Whelan, a former North Dakotan, spoke at a Rotary meeting here.

He said an invasion of the Castro domain would be the United States' only effective self-defense and the only means which this country can hold true to its word and maintain its prestige.

The April invasion of Cuba, he said, would have been successful if orders had been carried through. He said the actual invasion of Cuba, contrary to reports, came from Nicaragua. He explained the air strikes were held up and as a result two ammunition ships and two communications ships were destroyed by Cuban jets. Some 2,000 trained Cubans did not sail, he added.

The air strikes were called off by President Kennedy. Whelan said, on the advice of his Latin American advisers, Adolph Berle Jr., Chester Howles, Ada Stevenson and Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

He called for removal of Howles and Schlesinger to restore confidence in the CIA and its chiefs of staff.

The former diplomat said training is under way for another invasion of Cuba, but predicted the invasion will fail if it does not receive the full support of the United States.

Questioned as to whether the United States would eventually invade Cuba, Whelan said it would.

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